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From: Latimer, Becky
Sent: Tuesday, December 3, 2019 11:09 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: 2019-290-WS

Dear Mr. John Page,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at www.psc.sc.gov.

- Docket No. 2019-290-WS - Application of Blue Granite Water Company for Approval to Adjust Rate Schedules and Increase Rates

A Protestant is an individual objecting on the ground of private or public interest to the approval of an Application, Petition, Motion or other matters which the Commission may have under consideration. A Protestant may offer sworn testimony but cannot cross-examine witnesses offered by other parties.

According to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, filing a Protest does not make you a Party of Record. A Protestant desiring to become an Intervenor (i.e., a Party of Record) in a proceeding before the Commission may file a Petition for Intervention within the time prescribed by the Commission.

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Docket No. 2019-290-WS - Application of Blue Granite Water Company for Approval to Adjust Rate Schedules and Increase Rates <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/117247>

If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,
Becky Latimer



* Required Fields

Date: 12/03/2019

Letter of Protest

Docket No. 2019-
290-WS

Protestant Information:

Name * John Page

Mailing Address *

City, State Zip * Clover, SC,

Phone *

E-mail

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1. What is your connection or interest in this case? * For example, are you a customer of the Company that is the subject of this pending proceeding? (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

I am a Customer of Blue Granite Water Company [customer ID: 9678522116]

2. Please give a concise statement of your protest. * (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

I am protesting the rate increase proposed by Blue Granite as well as the proposed ability to raise rates annually as they deem fit. It has been brought to my attention that Blue Granite in my area already has the highest water fees in the surrounding areas. The rate increase proposed for water is \$7.71 per 1000 gal, which is a 53.6% rate increase over current rates. The rate increase for waste is \$36.22, which is a 55.7% increase over current rates. Blue Granite intends to ask for ANOTHER price increase next year as advised by our representative Wes Climer, Senator of District 15, York County This is on top of water restrictions because the company has repeatedly approved new construction projects with a statement of ability to supply water, which they have repeatedly proved that they cannot.

The stipulations for voicing concern and protest to the business practices of Blue Granit as presented in their Docket makes it extremely difficult to stand up to their strong-arm tactics on what is a monopoly.

3. Do you wish to make an appearance at a hearing in this proceeding , if scheduled, and offer sworn testimony? *

I am not able to attend these hearings in person, but thank the committee for taking the time to hear my concerns and stand on my behalf.

Signature Required: John Page

John R. Page